Malays AN5 Javanese OE5
Igorot OA20 Sumatra OD1
Leti OF11 Makassar OG6
Timor OF20 Tagalog OA36
Batak OD5 Central Bisayan OA14

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Id 304 302 Today the peoples of the Malay Archipelago blacken the teeth only because they find black teeth beautiful. "The dandy," says Mr. Van Hasselt, "who drew back his lips in a studied smile in order to show his snowy white teeth would miss his mark entirely among the Malayan beauties and probably would elicit from them the exclamation: Săroman andjiing, just like dog!" The same is true of the Javanese and other peoples of the archipelago.

Id 304 302 174 In my opinion blackening the teeth is to be explained in the same way as the breaking out and knocking out of the teeth. It is obvious that where the latter custom existed as a social or religious obligation, when it was not observed an attempt would be made to hide from view the teeth that should have been removed so as to make them unrecognizable. And there certainly was no better way than by covering them with some dark color and thus putting an end to their sparkle, and thereby giving more or less the impression that there were no longer any teeth there.

CB Tg J 9 302 Finally, we want to speak about the ornamentation of teeth with gold. We even find this custom mentioned in old accounts. For instance, we read in the "Journal" kept by the naval cadet Frans van der Does aboard the ship Hollandia (2 April 1595 -- 15 June 1597) that the inhabitants of Sumatra, and the Javanese, too, decorated their teeth with gold, which has also been reported for the Makassarese by Valentijn and for the Tagalog and Bisayans by (Thévenot). Of all the peoples mentioned, the custom of ornamenting the teeth with gold [239] is found today only among the Sumatrans. The Batak should be mentioned first of all.

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According to Dr. van der Tuuk, odang-odang is what they call the strip of brass or gold that is attached to the upper teeth in such a way that the lowermost and uppermost part of the teeth is visible. The same practice has been described in detail by Dr. Hagen.

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Ml 302 304 The Malays of central Sumatra should also be mentioned. About a year after the teeth have been filed, they are ornamented with gold. To do this, the goldsmith drills holes in them and